## **CLAIMS**

Therefore, the following is claimed:

- 1. A system for attenuating leakage signals in a communication system,
- 2 comprising;
- a plurality of amplifiers coupled between a plurality of communication
- 4 connections and a communication device, at least one of said plurality of amplifiers
- 5 configured to have a nearly-zero impedance characteristic such that at least one leakage
- 6 signal originating on a first communication connection of said plurality of
- 7 communication connections cannot propagate from said first communication connection
- 8 to a second communication connection of said plurality of communication connections.
- 1 2. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one of said plurality of amplifiers
- 2 is configured as a negative feedback amplifier.
- 1 3. The system of claim 1, further comprising a second plurality of amplifiers,
- 2 said second plurality of amplifiers coupled between a second plurality of communication
- 3 connections and said communication device.
- 1 4. The system of claim 1, wherein at least one of said plurality of
- 2 communications connections is a digital subscriber loop.



5. A method for shunting leakage signals in a communication system,	the
method comprising the steps of:	
coupling at least one amplifier between a first communication connection an	d a
communication device, said amplifier having a nearly-zero impedance characteristic; a	ınd
shunting at least one leakage signal originating on said first communicat	tion
connection away from a second communication connection coupled to s	said

- 1 6. A system for shunting leakage signals in a communication system,
- 2 comprising:

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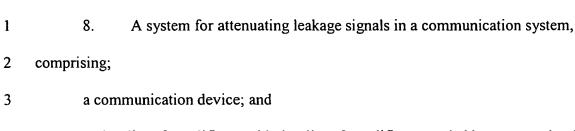
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- means for shunting, said means for shunting having a nearly-zero impedance
- 4 characteristic; and
- 5 means for coupling said shunting means to a first communication connection and
- 6 a communication device,

communication device.

- 7 such that said shunting means prevents at least one leakage signal originating on said first
- 8 communication connection from propagating to a second communication connection
- 9 coupled to said communication device.
- The system of claim 6, wherein said coupling means further couples said
- 2 second communication connection to said shunting means.



- a plurality of amplifiers, said plurality of amplifiers coupled between a plurality
   of communication connections and said communication device,
- wherein said plurality of amplifiers have a nearly-zero impedance characteristic such that at least one leakage signal originating on a first communication connection coupled to
- said communication device cannot propagate from said first communication connection
  to a second communication connection coupled to said communication device.
- 1 9. The system of claim 8, wherein said communication device time 2 multiplexes said plurality of signals onto a single channel.
- 1 10. The system of claim 8, wherein said communication device frequency
  2 multiplexes said plurality of signals onto a plurality of channels.
- 1 11. The system of claim 8, wherein said communication device is a signal multiplexing communication device.